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1. SUMMARY: COUNCIL EXTENDED THE DEROGATIONS PREVIOUSLY
GRANTED THE US AND CANADA FOR ANOTHER 2 YEARS PERMITTING
THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME.

2. DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE SIMANTOV PRESENTED THE PRO-
POSALS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE, C(76)136 AND
137, AND MENTIONED THE BELGIAN RESERVATION REGARDING A
PERMANENT DEROGATION FOR THE US.

3. BELGIAN DEL STATED HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE A
PERMANENT DEROGATION AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE BUT HE
WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUED US PARTICIPATION
IN THE WORK OF THE SCHEME UNDER ANOTHER 2-YEAR DEROGA-
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4. US DEL (KATZ),RECOGNIZING LEGAL REASONING OF BELGIAN POSITION,EXPLAINED THAT THE PERMANENT DEROGATION HAD BEEN BEEN PROPOSED BECAUSE IT WAS NOT LIKELY THAT US WOULD ADHERE TO THE SCHEME STANDARDS WITHIN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE; SUCH NON-ADHERENCE HOWEVER NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE; BUT US THOUGHT THAT ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE TECHNICAL WORK OF THE SCHEME WAS MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS. IT WAS UP TO THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHETHER US SHOULD PARTICIPATE UNDER A PERMANENT DEROGATION, UNDER ANOTHER 2-YEAR DEROGATION, OR NOT AT ALL.

5. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION THE CHAIR RULED THAT COUNCIL DECIDED ON EXTENDING THE DEROGATIONS PREVIOUSLY GRANTED THE US AND CANADA FOR ANOTHER 2 YEARS PERMITTING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME.
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